

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 7, cancel claims 5 and 11, and add claims 19 - 28 . This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An electrode assembly used to apply a current to a cornea, comprising:

a body that has an inner channel and a mechanical stop;

a stop that is inserted into said inner channel of said body and is in contact with said mechanical stop; and,

a tip that is attached to said stop.

Claim 2 (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said stop is constructed from a dielectric material.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (previously presented) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said tip is welded to said body.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original) The assembly of claim 1, wherein said body includes an anti-rotation feature.

Claim 7 (currently amended) An electrode assembly used to apply current to a cornea, comprising:

a body that has a mechanical stop;

a tip that is coupled to said body;

stop means for limiting an insertion depth of said tip into the cornea, said stop means being in contact with said mechanical stop.

Claim 8 (original) The assembly of claim 7, wherein said stop means is constructed from a dielectric material.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (previously presented) The assembly of claim 7, wherein said tip is welded to said body.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (original) The assembly of claim 7, wherein said body includes an anti-rotation feature.

Claim 13 (original) A method for assembling an electrode assembly that is used to apply a current to a cornea, comprising:

attaching a stop to a tip; and,

pressing the stop into an inner channel of a body.

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the tip is welded to the body.

Claim 16 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the stop is bonded to the tip.

Claim 17 (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the pressing of the stop is stopped by a mechanical stop of the body.

Claim 18 (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the body is inserted into a handpiece.

Claim 19 (new) An electrode assembly used to apply a current to a cornea, comprising:

a body that has an inner channel;

a stop that is inserted into said inner channel of said body; and,

a tip that is attached to said stop and welded to said body.

Claim 20 (new) The assembly of claim 19, wherein said stop is constructed from a dielectric material.

Claim 21 (new) The assembly of claim 19, wherein said body includes an anti-rotation feature.

Claim 22 (new) An electrode assembly used to apply current to a cornea, comprising:

a body;

a tip that is welded to said body;

stop means for limiting an insertion depth of said tip into the cornea.

Claim 23 (new) The assembly of claim 22, wherein said stop means is constructed from a dielectric material.

Claim 24 (new) The assembly of claim 22, wherein said body includes an anti-rotation feature.

Claim 25 (new) An electrode assembly used to apply a current to a cornea, comprising:

- a body that has an inner channel and an anti-rotation feature;
- a stop that is inserted into said inner channel of said body; and,
- a tip that is attached to said stop.

Claim 26 (new) The assembly of claim 25, wherein said stop is constructed from a dielectric material.

Claim 27 (new) An electrode assembly used to apply current to a cornea, comprising:

- a body that has an anti-rotation feature;
- a tip that is coupled to said body;
- stop means for limiting an insertion depth of said tip into the cornea.

Claim 28 (new) The assembly of claim 27, wherein said stop means is constructed from a dielectric material.